



**Mason County Promise Zone Appeals Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM  
Lakeshore Resource Network Conference Room**

**Members present: Fabian Knizacky, Roger Nash, Annette Quillan, & Amy Pepper (arrived at 11:19 AM)**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** *Knizacky called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.*
2. **Limited Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Motion to approve the agenda with addition of Appeal #73 by Nash, with support from Quillan; motion carried, 3-0-1.*
4. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from 4-3-2023:** *Motion to approve the minutes by Quillan, supported by Nash; motion carried, 3-0-1.*
5. **Committee Business**
  - a. Correspondence: None
  - b. Partner Sharing: SAP Appeal process, Candace Henry-Schroder, WSCC Director of Financial Aid: Henry-Schroder was unable to attend in person; Maloney inquired if she would like to attend the December meeting instead.
  - c. *Residency for McKinney-Vento Students:*
    - i. *David Boyne from Treasury provided this response after consulting with the AG: There would be no issue with including McKinney-Vento students in the PZA development plan. We would suggest that students asking for the McKinney-Vento designation for Promise Zone purposes be confirmed as McKinney-Vento through the local school district. If you would like to send us the proposed Development Plan language, we can discuss it with the AG's Office and get back to you. Sorry for the delay in getting back to you.*
    - ii. *Example Language: Students who attend and graduate from an eligible public high school located within Mason County and qualify as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act will qualify for the Promise, if their homeless status is verified by the Mason County-based public high school that they attend.*
      1. *Could be included under "Eligibility Criteria" Section of Plan, 1., A., i., adding new subsection a.*
        - a. *Motion by Knizacky to propose to full Board to amend the development plan to include the language on this agenda, with support from Nash; Discussion: Quillan inquired whether the plan amendment should include extending the Promise to other institutions or delay this motion until then—Knizacky explained that the Board is going to discuss other institutions in the future, but that a plan amendment related to McKinney Vento doesn't have to wait; Knizacky also added that his motion would be retroactive (to the 2018 cohort); Motion carried, 3-0-1.*



- i. *Appeal #63, #64, #65, #67, #68, #70, #71, & #72—all GPA-related appeals: Motion by Nash to approve all GPA related appeals, other than appeal #73, including #63, #64, #65, #67, #68, #70, #71, & #72 [which was added late and needed additional meeting time to review]; supported by Quillan; Motion carried, 3-0-1.*
  - ii. *Appeal #64—GPA—Approved, see item d. i.*
  - iii. *Appeal #65--GPA—Approved, see item d. i.*
  - iv. *Appeal #66—Residency—Homeschool Denial: Knizacky inquired whether the homeschool registration process took a lot of time, to which Maloney answered that it was brief. Quillan motioned to deny the student’s appeal to get the Promise because their homeschool is not registered with the State; motion carried, 3-0-0-1, Pepper abstaining.*
  - v. *Appeal #67--GPA—Approved, see item d. i.*
  - vi. *Appeal Submitted--No Number—Residency; Administrative Approval.*
  - vii. *Appeal #68--GPA—Approved, see item d. i.*
  - viii. *Appeal #69—Residency—Motion by Quillan to approve the appeal because the student qualified as McKinney-Vento at MCC high school, with support from Nash; Motion carried, 4-0-0.*
  - ix. *Appeal #70--GPA—Approved, see item d. i.*
  - x. *Appeal #71--GPA—Approved, see item d. i.*
  - xi. *Appeal #72—GPA—Approved, see item d. i.*
  - xii. *Appeal #73--GPA—Motion by Quillan to approve the appeal and refer the student for additional support at WSCC, with support from Nash; Nash added that a lot of people need additional support; Maloney shared that she does refer renewed students below a 2.5 to the success coach, when success coaching is available; Motion carried 4-0-0.*
6. **Any Other Business:** Maloney confirmed that Henry-Shroder will share about the SAP appeal process at the December Appeals meeting.
  7. **Limited Public Comment:** None
  8. **Adjourn:** Knizacky moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 AM.